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LAWYERS FAIL TO AGREE ON ACT 85

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]

HILO, May 26.—A woeful lack of unanimity is apparent among attorneys over the question whether the district court has jurisdiction under Act 85, passed by the last legislature regarding the desertion by husbands of their wives and making their non-support a misdemeanor. The question arose here over the case of a Russian woman who is prosecuting her husband for not providing for her. Letters were written by County Attorney Beers to Arthur Smith of the attorney general's department, and A. F. Judd, who was instrumental in securing the passage of the law. Judd is non-committal on the subject and Smith thinks as it states specifically "courts in vacation," that it is entirely in the jurisdiction of circuit courts. Judge Wise asked Attorney Breckons for his opinion. His answer was as non-committal as that of Judd.

Judge Wise has held, since, that he has no jurisdiction under the new law and has dismissed the case against the Russian.

CUSTOMS MEN BREATHE EASIER

It was with a distinct sigh of relief that a delegation of a score or more young men identified with the federal customs service at the port of Honolulu, definitely learned yesterday that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has decided that there will be no reduction in the salaries of United States customs inspectors, guards and watchmen.

The matter of a pending reduction in the salaries of men associated with this branch of the federal customs service has been discussed with much trepidation for some months past. Reports which came from Washington were far from being reassuring to the local men.

With the change of administration at Washington it was generally conceded that some sweeping reductions in the number comprising the local force as well as the monthly stipend paid the employees would follow.

Secretary McAdoo has of late been visited by a powerful California delegation who but a few days ago received word that no slicing of salaries would be permitted.

Another cable was received from Congressmen Kahn, Curry and Nolan to the effect that they had positive assurance also that there would be no reduction in the guards' salaries. Each has been fighting the salary reduction proposal.

ROUGIER ONCE AGAIN DENIES 'PRINCESS' YARN

"The Advertiser persists in misrepresenting the facts about the alleged 'Washington Island princess' and the 'rope of pearls,'" said Father Emmanuel Rougier this morning. "There is no Washington Island princess for the very good reason that there are no natives of the islands. The girl is being taken by me to the mainland to receive an education and she is from Fiji. And of course the rope of pearls is nonsense."

Father Rougier and his ward are booked to sail for the states on the Sierra, as the hearing of the case against Rougier brought by Capt. Miller has been continued to the September term of court. Father Rougier will go to England and France.

LOST LEG; NEVER MISSED IT.

NEW YORK.—A one-legged man hobbled up the stairs to the office of the police station at Elmhurst, Queen's borough, with the aid of a pair of crutches.

"I'd like my other leg, please," said he to Lieut. William Jodica, who reached for the telephone to call an ambulance for a supposed demented man.

"I'm not crazy," said the man. "I've lost my wooden leg and I understand you have it here."

Jodica recalled that Frederick Peep, a farmer, found a wooden leg the previous day on Trotting Course lane and took it to the police station.

The one-legged man said he was George Brooks of No. 62 Cambridge avenue, Corona. He added:

"I was horseback riding Wednesday and the motion must have loosened my leg and it dropped off. I never missed it until I got home."

Brooks walked out of the station house, his crutches under his arm.

Miss Agnes Tillman and her aunt, Mrs. Mangels of San Francisco, whose gowns and jewels were seized by the New York customs inspectors on their arrival from Europe, will be allowed to retain the articles on payment of their home value—which is appraised at \$16,000.

It is said that the marriage of the deposed King Manuel of Portugal to Princess Victoria of Hohenzollern is not looked upon with enthusiasm by important personages in Berlin. The report that it is a love match is openly ridiculed.

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Scores California and Asserts Islands Are in No Condition to Undertake War

Captain Robert Dollar of San Francisco, who is closely in touch with conditions on the mainland and in the Orient, in a recent address on "International Peace," scored the legislature of California, branding the Webb anti-alien land law as an abridgement of the treaty with Japan; advised the country to prepare for war, but said there would be no war and advised his hearers that the Philippine and Hawaiian islands are in no condition to participate in a war. He would have in time gained the desired end.

He said in part: "California should have waited until the next legislature before passing the alien land bill—it was to her best interests and those of the Nation to wait. It is certain that California have in time gained the desired end."

"The present 'favored nation' treaty with Japan would possibly have been easily abrogated. But—while there are two sides to everything, of course—I believe it was an error deliberately to break the treaty, as I feel the passing of the land bill has done."

That the alien bill was brought about through a spirit of prejudice, and that "a lot of people have been excited without cause," is Captain Dollar's expressed belief. Continuing, he said:

"There is no one who wants the Japanese to remain away from the United States more than does their emperor. He wants Manchuria settled; he discourages his subjects in migrating across the Pacific. This fact is proved by the Japanese government's action in offering special opportunities to Manchuria colonists."

"It is nothing short of absurd to believe that the Japanese are going to own all California. Of the millions of acres in the state, they now hold but 12,000."

Captain Dollar went into details in his declaration that the Philippines and Hawaii would be taken from the United States. There are at least 60,000 Japanese in the islands, he said, 50,000 of whom are fit for service in the Nipponese army. He averred that although the United States is fast fortifying Pearl Harbor, in the Hawaiian islands, this harbor is not yet ready to resist attack. He explained how invaders could land thousands of troops in the Philippines and march on Manila from the unprotected land side.

The foundation of the speaker's fears and beliefs was summed up in the statement with which he closed his address:

"This nation first got out of good standing in the family of nations through the Panama canal toll question. Now she has broken the treaty with Japan. Considering these facts, I should say most emphatically that the United States has not a leg to stand on."

ANNUAL KITE DAY PROVES A BIG SUCCESS

The third annual kite day was observed at the Mills Institute, Manoa valley, Saturday afternoon and was participated in by seventy-five students of the institution, the contest lasting from half-past two until five o'clock. Kites typical of every nation had been prepared for the occasion, those made by the Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Filipino students being the most unique in design.

Only one accident occurred during the afternoon, and it was not a serious one at that. A small Korean boy, tugging on the strings of a monster kite, was dragged more than fifty feet and up to the very brink of the Manoa Mesa, being saved from falling over by the breaking of the kite string just as he neared the edge.

He had wrapped the string about his hand in an intricate knot, and when a gust of wind seized the kite, his weight was insufficient to cause him to have any control over it. In spite of the near-accident, the affair was a greater success than ever before and at the close of the contests the judges announced the winners and awarded the prizes.

Following are the contests and the winners:

Beauty Contest: Chun Lee Pak, with a Chinese butterfly kite; Sing Chong, honorable mention, for his Chinese-American Mills School kite.

Unique Contest: M. Takatsuka, with an incongruous pyrotechnic peace kite; K. Eji, honorable mention, for a Japanese messenger kite.

Distance Contest: won by Liberato Maripong against a field of seven kites, none of which finished by bringing the kites back to the earth. Distance, 2855 feet of twine released.

"B" Dormitory Boys' Contest: Wilfrid Silva, for which he was awarded a watch.

Battle Royal Contest: Yu Chin Surk, by cutting down two opponents.

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OVERLAND LOSES ENGINEER.

SALT LAKE, Utah.—As Union Pacific west bound train No. 2, the Overland Limited, was nearing Church Butte, Fireman J. R. Hurley discovered that Engineer Alfred Nelson was missing from his post. The train was stopped and run back over the road several miles, but no trace of the missing engineer could be found. It is not known how long the train had been running without an engineer, but it is believed that Nelson was knocked over a bridge which spans Blacksmiths Fork creek, about ten miles from Church Butte.

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M'MANIGAL TO USE SURGEY TO ALTER HIS APPEARANCE

LOS ANGELES.—Ortie E. McManigal, confessed dynamiter, plans to have his appearance altered by surgery when he is released. It is reported his release from the county jail may be granted at any time, and McManigal hopes to so change himself that no one will know him as the man whose testimony sent the McNamara brothers and more than a score of labor union officials to prison.

McManigal fell from a wagon while a child and the wheel inflicted an injury on his head and left a long scar across his forehead. The mark aided detectives who traced him after the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building by dynamite. Doctors have told McManigal that the scar can be removed and he plans to have it done as soon as he gains his freedom.

PREDICTS DEFEAT OF NATIONAL BANKING AND CURRENCY BILL

If the prediction of Henry Cleva is proved true, a national banking and currency bill will be introduced in the house soon and pass that body during the present extra session. He adds that its passage by the senate, however, is doubtful, unless a great deal of pressure is brought.

"The outlook for a national banking and currency bill is strengthening daily," he says. "A bill embodying President Wilson's views has been drafted and, according to all reports, will pass the house during the present extra session of congress. Its passage, however, by the senate at this session is doubtful, unless a great deal of pressure is put upon that body."

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